

THE TROPIC

Devoted to the City of Tropico

VOL. IV

THURSDAY

INEL

No. 50

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET IN REGULAR WEEKLY SESSION

Meeting called to order. All members present. City clerk absent, Marshal Smith acting.

A minute order was made transferring balance in Fire Protection fund over to the General fund.

An offer from F. Wilkinson to take a census of Tropico. President Rich was ordered to confer with him with power to act.

by fire at \$30. Same was referred estimated the damage to the city hall by fire at \$350. Same was referred to Public Works committee with instructions to file a demand with the insurance company.

A statement from the State Compensation fund stated that they had paid F. S. Chapman in full for injuries while in the city's employ.

An application for a wholesale liquor license by H. S. Yeaman was denied.

City attorney reported that he had prepared deeds for property on Walnut street deeded back to original owners.

In the matter of removing he olive trees on Central avenue, it was decided that thirty days more be allowed those who had failed to comply before final action be taken.

The engineer was instructed to advertise for bids for street work upon Glendale avenue. He informed the board that the estimated cost would be \$2.80 per front foot.

The engineer asked that street superintendent be instructed to open up culverts on Brand boulevard. Same was granted. He also asked for fire department to open up other clogged up culverts in city.

The clerk was instructed to communicate with the Glendale Trustees asking for a culvert at Maple and Brand.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance covering traffic on street.

While at play in Griffith park Tuesday afternoon, a 7 or 8-year-old boy by the name of Gavin, who resides with his parents in the Chandler ranch district, was accidentally shot in the leg by another boy with a rifle. The boy who did the shooting failed to acknowledge the deed, so is unknown at this writing. Young Gavin is not in a serious condition.

It's a Gentle Art, the Art Of Bunking.

By MOSS.



YOU'LL recognize this old slap at advertising: Jones' brand of paint sells for 25 cents a can. Smith's brand sells for 20 cents.

Smith claims his brand is BETTER because he doesn't SPEND MONEY IN ADVERTISING, but PUTS THE MONEY IN THE PAINT.

It sounds LOGICAL to some folks, and they FALL FOR IT. They think they're getting SOMETHING BETTER FOR LESS MONEY.

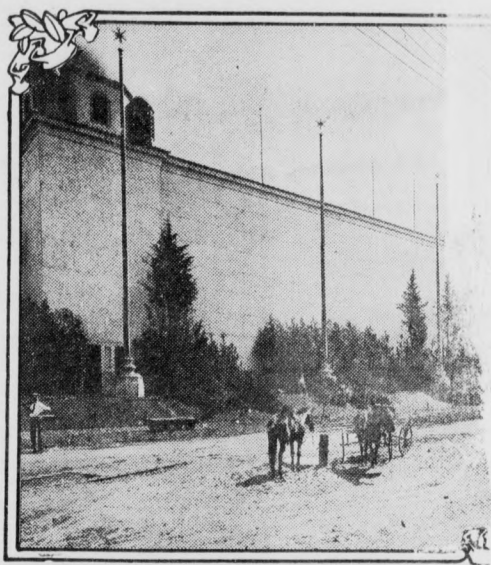
ROT!

The FACTS are: Jones charges more because he INCLUDES the cost of ADVERTISING, but he SELLS BETTER GOODS because he SELLS A LOT.

Smith has FEW sales at a CHEAPER price. Where does Smith get off if he doesn't sell an INFERIOR article?

A PROVED advertised article is the SAFEST and BEST BET. If an advertised article is a FAKE it is SOON DETECTED. Watch the advertisements in this paper.

World's Greatest Agricultural Display to Be Made In Vast Palace of Agriculture at Panama- Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, 1915



THE accompanying photograph was taken of the Palace of Agriculture before the Esplanade was given the asphalt pavement. This facade of the Palace of Agriculture looks toward the Marina and the waters of San Francisco bay.

The outside height of this building is ninety-six feet. It is and was erected at a cost of \$425,610. The opening at the top of the Court of the Universe, which is to be one of the architectural features of the entire Exposition.

The portals shown at the right are beautifully wrought and the central niche is occupied by a sculptured figure of the Cornucopia. On either side of this in slightly lower niches are figures of the stand eleven feet high.

The wall surface is of imitation Travertine and presents a tint. At the eaves other tones are used, and the dome shown here while the base of the dome bears a blending of pinks, copper green and gold.

This palace is directly opposite the yacht harbor, which is the scene of thrilling events in 1915.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC ON RECEIPT

L. J. Spence, director of Traffic of the Southern Pacific lines, points out the way in which the railroads may be afforded an immediate measure of relief from one of the burdens that are crushing them. He says:

"The Interstate Commerce Commission is authorized by law, either upon complaint or upon its own initiative, to suspend for a period of ten months any advanced rates that may be filed by the carriers. This imposes a responsibility upon the Commission which is met by suspending practically all advanced rates that are filed, pending a hearing, so that, even though the increased rates are justified and eventually approved, the carriers are usually deprived of the revenue that should accrue to them during a period of ten months.

"The President seems to recognize the urgent needs of the railroads, and the extent to which the entire business of the country is dependent upon their prosperity, but hesitates to exercise any influence over the findings of the Commission. However, if he desires to afford the railroads an immediate measure of relief, it is within his power to send a recommendation to Congress to repeal that provision of the law which empowers the Commission to suspend all advanced rates before they become effective. Under existing practice the railroads are considered guilty of extortion until they prove their innocence and may suffer starvation while awaiting the sustenance to which they are eventually found to be entitled.

"My suggestion affords adequate protection to all interested. First, it relieves the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission of the responsibility of authorizing increases in rates which they are naturally reluctant to assume; and, by requiring the railroads to assume the initiative in rate making, leaves the Commission unprejudiced in future hearings upon complaints of any of the rates involved. Secondly, the power of the Commission to award reparation will assure the merchants the benefit of former rates from the date they were

BIG THEATRICAL VI FRANCISCO COM TO BUILD THEATRE

The Turner & Dahnker interests of San Francisco, have formed a controlling company capitalized at \$2,500,000 for the purpose of financing their rapidly expanding business.

Plans are already well under way and \$800,000 ten per cent preferred stock is being offered for subscription in California and the East.

With the proceeds from this stock issue, the company will construct some twenty new show houses in cities west of Denver. This will make the Turner & Dahnker concern one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the world.

Later on, the company may also engage in the film manufacturing business, but at first the efforts of those at its head will be confined to insuring its success as a show business which goes up must come down, and in business. The profits of the Turner & Dahnker Company last year were approximately \$150,000 net. The management thinks this will undoubtedly be greatly increased with the addition of twenty new houses under their management.

advanced whenever the Commission, upon complaint, finds that the increases are unreasonable and orders the former rates restored. Finally, it contemplates a simple measure of justice to the railroads in giving them the immediate benefit of the revenue accruing from advanced rates to which they are entitled, without any prejudice to the interest of the shipper.

"The recognition of investors that the railroads have no power to increase their rates sufficiently to meet constantly increasing expenses and yield a sufficient return upon their property to provide facilities, improvements and extensions is responsible more than anything else for the prevalent lack of confidence upon which the depression of business is founded, and it is within the power of the Administration and Congress to contribute to the restoration of confidence and prosperity by the adoption of this suggestion.

NOTICE OF TRAVEL OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Kindly express the sympathy of the friends of Tropico for the sympathy shown during our late bereavement, and thanks for the many flowers.

Yours truly,
GRACE RUTHERFORD LAMB.
ROSCOE E. LAMB.

Safety First! Yes, First, Last And All the Time.

By MOSS.



"SAFETY first!" That's a SPLENDID slogan of the day. Let's apply it to our DAILY NEEDS.

Safety first means don't rush in where WISE FOLKS FEAR TO TREAD. Don't buy PROMISCUOUSLY.

If you were going to buy a house you'd want to know all about the properties in town for sale and all about the man you were dealing through.

If you wanted to buy a ring or a piano or a washtub or a new dining room table or a box of soap or any of a thousand things you would like to be fully posted on where you could buy it the best and cheapest.

It's a NATURAL feeling—SAFETY FIRST!

Be sure you APPLY it. And what better way than through the ads. In this THOROUGHLY RELIABLE paper? Our business men have been using it for years to keep the public posted against SLIPSHOD METHODS OF BUYING. All things considered, it is SAFETY FIRST to trade with the merchant who CONSISTENTLY and HONESTLY ADVERTISES.

Tropico "The City Beautiful"

Written by G. C. Henderson and Robt. A. Oliver

Published in book form and copies can be secured by sending the book or copies of paper back home, by the means of bringing new people to Tropico.

Here you will inhale into your lungs the freshness of the spirit of Spring, the peace of the spirit of Summer, the peacefulness of the spirit of Autumn, the strength of the spirit of Winter. Your cares will fade away like the last rays of the sun. b Oliver.

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...blue velvet; or you may wander in a complete in objects of naturalistic interest, the scenery is ever changing, and the beauty of the city itself felt like ravishing music that has no equal.

The park was donated by Griffith J. Griffith, who had the idea that the immense estate lying in the heart of the city should be beautified for the community.

Cemetery is a Beauty Spot

Forest Lawn Cemetery, adjacent to Tropico, is one of the most beautiful burying places in the state. It covers about 130 acres, 30 of which are under cultivation. It was begun in 1907. The cemetery is of rolling red with a large variety of flowers and trees.

Condensed Information

In a year Tropico has spent, approximately, in constructing 10,200 feet of paved street, there are but two unimproved streets, and a large amount made for the improvement of these. On Glendale alone was laid 6,000 linear feet, or one mile, of paving.

Also closed a record season of building and progress. Two new school buildings and a City Hall have been completed, and plans for an artistic club building have been finished. For the fiscal year ending July 1, 1914, the building permits reached a total of \$127,989.

Plans have been adopted by the city for a universal lighting system with one standard, and with 100-watt lights, placed four to the corner and 150 feet apart. Part of this system is completed, and when the plans have been carried out fully Tropico will be one of the best illuminated cities in Southern California.

Tropico has an assessed valuation of \$1,038,450. Tropico's population is 3,500; its indebtedness is only \$25,000.00; city tax rate is \$1.25 per \$100 assessed valuation.

There are two telephone companies operating in Tropico, which put you in touch with all of Southern California, and as far east as Denver. The service is of the best and there is no toll to Los Angeles and surrounding cities.

Tropico is completely piped for gas, and the franchise with the Gas Company is such that it insures the same price as Los Angeles receives.

Climate

The average annual temperature, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture Reports, is 62 degrees. The average for Winter is 52; for Spring, 60; for Summer, 70, and for Autumn, 65.

The average rainfall for the season is 15.55 inches. Practically all rains come during the winter season, between November and April. This is really the Spring, for grass and flowers cover the hills, and there is no snow. Usually the rainstorms do not last more than two or three days at a time. Thunderstorms are rare, tornadoes unknown and lightning does no damage.

There are 309 days of sunshine in every year. Tropico is 484 feet above the sea level, and some thirteen miles from the Pacific Ocean on a straight line. Thus the city receives all the benefits of the sea breeze with none of its detriments.

"Don't Overlook Tropico, Look it Over"

THE TROPICO SENTINEL

Published every Wednesday at Tropico, California and devoted to the best interests and future welfare of the most beautiful city in the San Fernando Valley. Come and see for yourself

A. J. Van Wie Editor and Proprietor
Telephone Glendale 930

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Subscription, One Year \$1.50
Advertising rates furnished upon request.

BLANKET-STIFFS

By William C. Anderson

If there ever was a type of man who lends his con of humanity to make up a distinct social class, that man is the blanket-stiff. And if there is a low social class (so termed) that has an advantage over the master class, it is the class made up of blanket-stiffs, road-men, tramps, and others with decided no-madie tendencies.

Their advantages are advantages that are set in the concrete of personal freedom. The very thing that the master class think they have, but which never will be associated with strife for attainment.

Here are the reasons, not philosophical or theoretical, but a cohesion of cheerful truths:

Blanket-stiffs are usually poorer than the mice in cathedrals; therein should be their glory. They carry no incubus of debt, no obligations to pay; no indorsements on personal notes of their friends to pay; no dress suits or starched shirts to squeeze their souls.

They are burdened with no obligations to society. Society has cast them out and they are free to roam in God's great world of space and stillness; free to take in and to expel the generous air; free to lie under the tent of trillions of blinking stars, and free to let their souls grow and expand into the big infinite.

Their minds are not deadened with stuffing and overeating. The way to live has been crushed upon them. Their responsibilities have been assumed by the bourgeois. Their personal obligations are few, and what few there are, are their own; the little things they owe themselves. But, unfortunately, they are inefficient in the duty of self-care. It is the same inefficiency that has made blanket-stiffs of many mediocre mechanics and other workers who were born with the function of aptitude dead in the morning. It is the same inefficiency that prompted society to cast them out. And most of them are inefficient even as blanket-stiffs.

They never seem to realize that blanket-stiffing can be made an art, so they drill on with their estates strapped to their backs—the contented family as snug as a bug on the inside, maybe.

An artistic, efficient blanket-stiff ought to own an equipment that would assure him warmth and comfort.

It should consist of one double army blanket, one suit of woolen underwear, one extra pair of socks, one woolen sweater, one pair of tan Kentucky jeans, one pair of tough, easy kicks, and a water-proof tin in which to keep matches dry, so light could be had when the moon is dark.

A copy of "Footnotes to Life" would prove an admirable companion and help open the way.

The pack should not weigh more than ten pounds, and it ought to be carried in a light oilcloth that would answer for a tent at night or when it rains.

A watch would be an annoying element in the premises. It would have to be a dollar watch, and no sane man would want to try to sleep with a dollar watch hammering half the hours of his life away. Besides, dollar watches should be seen and not heard.

The blanket-stiff should not be concerned with time, work, or worry. If society isn't interested, he should not be concerned. "Visible means of support" is necessary to insure freedom in thickly populated places. It could be overcome with a few personal cards indicating that the bearer is identified with some department of a university. It might read, "Department of Agronomy"; then a handful of earth would convince any justice of the peace that the bearer is engaged in work. It would keep justices from sending the holder to servitude in river-beds, gravel-pits, and into chain-gangs—places they do not have in Russia.

If one is a blanket-stiff because he is discouraged, he should promptly forget the past and dwell in the future. One lives longer when one leaves the past, and blanket-stiffs should live twice as long. For their natural inheritance is the great outdoors. It is the thing that harden hides, makes blood run roughly, and pinkens cheeks. It is the big outside world that makes big inside souls. It puts blanket-stiffs in touch with their Maker. He has spread a panorama of all creation before them; the Royal Gorge at their feet.

The rolling hills are theirs, the mountain tops, the rippling waterfalls, the starlit nights, the poppies and the notes of birds. The world has been turned over to them. They are the sole owners of all these things.

In truth, the blanket-stiff should not be concerned about a blamed thing, except his equipment. He should have the best the world affords. Nothing but wool and tough fibre should enter into his stock of supplies.

How would he get these things?

It has been said of Homer:

"What he thought he might require,
He went—and—took."

Santa Fe Opening San Diego Exposition New Year's Eve

--At midnight, December 31, the first stroke of twelve will announce the Grand Opening of the Panama-California Exposition, San Diego.

--Then the 1915 revelry will commence, and the achievement of a gorgeous Exposition of exquisite flowers, of architectural beauty, and of spectacular productions, will be celebrated amidst splendor, gaiety, art, music.

--The Santa Fe is the only line to both Exposition Cities

New Year Excursions

--Low Round-trip fares between all stations on Santa Fe
--Tickets on sale:
Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1914
And Jan. 1, 1915
Return limit Jan. 4, 1915

Santa Fe

Tropico, "The City Beautiful"

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It would indeed be hard to find a city where climatic conditions contribute so much toward the enjoyment of life. Always, even in the warmest part of summer, there is a breeze blowing through the San Fernando Valley, and it is rare that the heat ever becomes disagreeable. The whole year is blossom season of beauty in Tropico.

Sanitation

Dr. W. C. Mabry, whose duty it is to attend to city sanitation, investigate disease, establish quarantine, etc., has gained a wide reputation. According to his reports, the amount of disease in this city is negligible, and there has never been an epidemic of any kind, and there has never originated in this city a single case of typhoid fever or dysentery. The water, the greatest portion of which is taken from Verdugo canyon, analyzes 91 per cent pure, while the air has a perfect score of 1,000 per cent.

If any disease is brought into the community, those affected are immediately quarantined, and violation of the quarantine means immediate arrest. Tropico's death

This is only a part of the story the balance will appear in our next issues

SENTINEL

CITY TELEPHONES

City Clerk, N. C. Burch
Sunset, Glendale 300

Treasurer, S. E. Brown
Sunset, Glendale 300

Marshal, Chas. Smith
Sunset, Glendale 935
Home, Glendale 143

NIGHT CALL
Sunset, Glendale 919

Engineer, F. V. Ashton
Sunset, Glendale 935

Recorder, Geo. C. Melrose
Sunset, Glendale 935

Library, C. H. Cushing
Sunset, Glendale 857

IN CASE OF FIRE

Fire Chief, J. W. Gould
Sunset, Glendale 800

NIGHT CALL
Sunset, Glendale 773-J

And give nearest street corner

AT SON'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Woman in Hundredth Year Attends
Celebration at Granddaughter's.

Sparta, Wis.—Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer E. Arnold have just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fred de Bruin.

The occasion is one of exceptional note owing to the fact that Mr. Arnold's mother was present at this celebration. This venerable lady is in her one hundredth year.

The five living children were also in attendance.

COTTON WEAR FOR BELGIANS.

Georgia Clubs to Pledge 25,000 Women
to Make Gifts.

Albany, Ga.—The Georgia Federation of Women's clubs in state convention here pledged each member of its 244 clubs to make one cotton garment from Georgia made goods to be sent as a gift to women and children of Belgium made destitute by the European war. There are some 25,000 members of women's clubs in Georgia.

The convention also indorsed a cotton petticoat campaign.

SEWING MACHINES

New Singer or Wheeler & Wilson Machines, small weekly or monthly payments. Liberal discount for cash. Cleaning and repairing all makes. Needles for all makes. Headquarters for Singer Oil. Sewing Machine crates furnished to people moving away. Uphams Singer Shop, 1020 W. Broadway, Glendale. Sunset phone 656 R.

Ring up Young, the repair man, 211 No. Brand Boulevard — Sunset 255-W.

If your lawn mower needs sharpening.

If your gas stove or water heater needs repairing or cleaning.

If you want a stove, heater or boiler connected.

If your water faucets leak.

If you need gas piping or water piping.

If you want to save money and buy a second-hand gas stove, water heater, boiler, cook stove, oil or gasoline stove.

All Work Guaranteed.

FOR RENT—Office rooms and flat in Martin Bark Bldg.

FOR SALE—Two-room California house, with toilet. House to be moved. E. W. Evans, 336 Halsted St.

FOR RENT—Furnished three-room apartments with bath. Water paid. 223 South San Fernando road, H. Mabee, Apartment 7.

FOR SALE CHEAP—New heating stove. 431 South San Fernando road. Home, Glendale 3064.

SECOND SEASON IN GLENDALE

Cannaday's School for Dancing, Masonic Temple Hall, every Saturday afternoon and evening. Private lessons by appointment.

WANTED—Team work and plowing by day or acre. Also wood for sale. Jesse Wilson, 4025 W. Park.

FOR RENT—Four-room furnished apartment, water paid. Inquire 191 South Brand.

Mellicent Virden, pupil of Leschetizky, will receive pupils at 235 Mira Loma, Tropico. Phone Home 2381.

FOR SALE—White Rock pullets, 5 to 6 months old. 226 Mira Loma Ave.

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and DEC. 28 to JAN. 1, INC.
Return Limit, Jan. 4, 1915

TOURNAMENT of ROSES

AT
PASADENA
NEW YEARS DAY

BIGGER AND BETTER
THAN EVER

SOUTHERN PACIFIC



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Substantial Prizes

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The Tropico Pharmacy
Edwin Virden

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MAY HAVE A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A YEAR
FULL OF PEACE, HAPPINESS
AND PROSPERITY,
IS THE WISH OF THE

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Sunset 4

318 Brand Boulevard, Glendale, Cal.

Home 1711

The "Sentinel" Wishes Each One of It's Readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

---The Editor

Mrs. L. C. Rice of 100 South Central
avenue returned from the beach last
Wednesday evening.

Gary Tiffany, who was injured in
the box factory on November 26, 1912,
and who was sued by Drs. Tholen and
Mabry for professional services, lost
his case in Judge Schenk's court last
Tuesday, and the doctors were awarded
damages.

READ CAREFULLY—
ACT PROMPTLY!

The annual Iowa Admission day dinner
will be served at 7 o'clock sharp,
Monday evening, December 28, 1914,
at Christopher's Cafe, 551 South
Broadway. Dinner will be only 60
cents per plate, as we want to bring
it within the reach of all Iowans who
will care to meet each other. There
will be a social hour from 6 to 7
o'clock. Come as early as you can.
Please reserve your place in advance
by card or letter to the secretary, 953
West Seventh street, or phone 52366.

There will be more social and less
program than usual, but the whole
will please you. As we cannot send
notice to all, will you write or tele-
phone to Iowans and tell them all
about it?

Our president, Judge Curtis D. Wil-
bur, will preside. Act promptly! Time
is short.

C. H. PARSONS,
Secretary The Iowa Association of
Southern California.
Los Angeles, Dec. 18, 1914.

A TROPICO INSTITUTION

Fire and floods, music and melody,
orchestra and overture, gospel and
good cheer, salvation and salutation,
hospitality and holy living can all be
found, seen, heard and enjoyed at the
First M. E. church, Palmer and Central
avenues, Tropico.

Additional heating facilities have
been installed, so no one need shiver,
either physically or spiritually. No
refrigerator, this church. Plans are
being perfected to have a first class
orchestra and an enlarged choir for
the Christmas occasion and the year
1915, and this church will soon take
its proper place as one of the leading
churches of the San Fernando valley.

Plans for the organization of a
men's brotherhood of fifty are well un-
der way. Officers to be elected New
Year's eve. Quarterly conference, Dr.
F. D. Mather presiding, will be held
the same evening at 7:30. A social,
the organization of the brotherhood
and a watching service will follow.
The Sunday school, the Junior
league and the Epworth league are
growing and happy.

Dr. R. F. Smith, the pastor, will
preach Sunday, 11 a. m., from "A
Voice From Heaven." A musical pro-
gram consisting of specially prepared
selections by the choir, suitable for
the season, and some choice music by
the orchestra, interspersed with fit-
ting observation by the pastor will be
given Sunday, 7:30 p. m. A warm
house and a warm welcome awaits
you.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I will
not be responsible for any debts con-
tracted by my wife, Mattie A. Fair-
field, after December 22, 1914.

(Signed)
EDWIN C. FAIRFIELD.

TROPICO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Central Avenue and Laurel St.

Sunday Services—

Bible School at 9:45 a. m.

Sermons at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Christian Endeavor Service 6:30 p. m.

To all a cordial welcome and seats
free.

Wednesday evening Devotional and
Social Hour at 7:30 p. m.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed
bids will be received by the under-
signed for the improvement of Glen-
dale avenue from the northerly line of
Cerritos avenue to the northerly line
of San Fernando boulevard in accord-
ance with plans and specifications on
file in the office of the undersigned.

All bids must be accompanied by a
certified check amounting to 5 per
cent of the bid, and must be in on
or before 5 p. m. Monday, December
28, 1914.

NOTICE—Money sufficient to cover
the contract price will be on deposit
with the First National Bank of Trop-
ico at the time said contract is award-
ed. Right to reject any and all bids
is hereby reserved.

F. V. ASHTON,
City Engineer, City of Tropico,
Tropico City Hall.

HOW TO PRESERVE POISE AND BEAUTY.

When the eyes are tired and
dulled, as after motoring, use ei-
ther an eye lotion bath or one
made of water to which a little
boracic powder or witch hazel
has been added. Keep the eyes
open in the water. This both
strengthens and brightens them.
Knitting the brows when read-
ing or working is a habit certain
to produce disfiguring lines on
the face.

A good authority says that box-
ing and fencing are not good ex-
ercises for brain workers. They
should select long walks, swim-
ming or something of a similar
nature where, after the move-
ments are once learned, the di-
rection is governed by the spinal
nervous system.

The following astringent lotion
is one of the best that can be
had: One and one-half ounces of
witch hazel, one-half ounce of
tincture of benzoin, and one
ounce of orange flower water.

Many women allow their faces
to become tense and set and
then wonder why lines develop.
Relax the muscles, cultivate a
pleasant expression and remem-
ber that lips which curve up-
ward and smile are much more
attractive than the drooping sort.

Only hands may be made com-
fortable and touchable by wet-
ting them once or twice a day
while clean with cologne alcohol
or toilet vinegar.

FOOD VALUES.

How to Make the Marble Table Top
Useful.

Lucky is the housewife who has sent
her marble top table to the attic in
place of the secondhand store, for she
can find good use for it. No better
molding boarding was ever invented
than this marble slab. Place it near
the baking materials, where no need-
less steps may be taken, and the bak-
ing will be a source of comfort. It
will also be a saving and a conven-
ience for setting hot things when taken
from the stove. In keeping the marble
clean there is no scrubbing with a
brush, for a washing of hot water and
soap will thoroughly cleanse it.

How to Make a Useful Knife and Sci-
sors Sharpener.

There is nothing more useful in the
kitchen than a board covered with
emery paper. It is splendid for sharp-
ening knives and scissors and useful
in removing rust from steel knives and
forks. Get a board six inches long,
two inches wide and one thick. Cover
with emery cloth. This puts a smooth
edge on carving knives the same as a
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are thoroughly acquainted. He shows
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is merely to lead them on and to bring
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How to Get the Best Results by Bal- ancing One's Diet.

"Ham and eggs, a glass of milk, a
piece of custard pie with cheese." This
order goes forth not only once, but
hundreds of times daily in our restau-
rants from business men.

In the tea rooms another order goes
forth frequently. "I'll have some waf-
les and honey, a cup of chocolate and
a French pastry."

These meals are all wrong, and a
further glance at them will show why.
Here we have the business man eating
the most unbalanced diet, and the
woman eating the most important foods

of the same class—protein. In other
words, he is taking the same kind of
food in five different forms, and his
meal therefore is really only one kind
of food taken ad libitum. His wife in
the tea room eats waffles, sirup, choco-
late and pastry. Again four different
forms of the same kind of food, so that
her meal is all starch, sugar and fat.

Now, no meals so one sided can be
healthful. A hasty glance would per-
haps lead us to believe that the man's
lunch was more wholesome than the
woman's, but both are dietetically bad.

The ideal meal is composed of four
different elements—the proteid or mus-
cle forming, the sugar, starch or fat
forming, the fat or heat forming and
the mineral elements which add flavor,
refreshment and tonic qualities. The
"balanced" meal must have some of
each of the four qualities represented
in the foods which compose it. In this
way all the needs of the body are sup-
plied by every meal, and no one need
be oversupplied.

If we had taken the eggs from the
first lunch and added them to the waf-
les of the second, and put in a vegeta-
ble or fruit salad we would have had
a nearly perfect meal. From the eggs
there are protein, the waffles give
starch and fat, and the vegetable or
fruit would give the necessary watery
and flavorful qualities to make the
meal satisfying, energy producing and
refreshing.

It is exceedingly simple to plan home
meals or to choose meals from a bill
of fare after the balanced plan. Se-
lect one food from each of the four
groups or such combinations that will
give the four different food qualities.
Here are some wrong combinations:

Eggs, meat, cheese, milk (too much
protein), rice, spaghetti, bread (too
much starch), fried potatoes, dough-
nuts, croquettes (too much starch and
fat), waffles, chocolate, cake, pastry
(too much sugar and fat), vegetable
salad, baked apple, vegetable soup (too
much water and minerals).

Here are the same foods in correct
combination: Vegetable soup, eggs,
pastry; meat, vegetable salad, dough-
nuts; cheese, rice, cake; milk, spa-
ghetti, baked apple.

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BIBLE STUDY ON

SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21—Dec. 27.
 "For he is from me to glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Gala 2:20, R. V.

TODAY'S Study reminds afresh that Jesus is the Savior not merely of the Church, but also of the world. In the past, Bible students have overlooked this great truth, to their confusion. Now we see that God has provided two distinctly different salvations—one for the Church in the Gospel Age, the other for the world in the Age to follow—the period of Messiah's Kingdom.

Both are salvations from sin and its penalty—sorrow, pain, crying, dying. But there the similarity ends; for the Church is to be saved by a change of nature, while the world is to be saved by a resurrection to perfection of human nature.

The Church's salvation, now in progress, has its beginning in the hearing of faith. The Message of God's grace is proclaimed here and there by stammering lips, which do not appeal to many great, wise or learned, but chiefly to the poor of this world, rich in faith. Such of these as are of humble mind are charmed with the Message of forgiveness of sins and reconciliation to God through the Redeemer. As they seek to draw near to God, He through His providences draws near to them, and enables them to understand the terms and conditions upon which they may be received back into fellowship with God as dear children. He says, Draw near to Me, and I will draw near to you.

The Blessings of Faith.

In today's lesson St. Paul deals especially with the Church class. He explains to us that it is the love of Christ that has exercised the constraining, or drawing, power upon our hearts. The love of Christ is the love of the Father, but we as men would not be able to understand the Father's love. But we can understand it as it was manifested by our Redeemer, and thus through Him we look upward to the Father and appreciate something of the love that is beyond all human understanding.

As St. Paul points out, Christ's love was manifested in that He died for all. When we say "for all," it means that the whole race was dead, that none had a right to everlasting life, and that none could commend themselves to God so as to be worthy of everlasting life.

The Apostle explains that all who realize this matter fully, should consecrate their lives to the Lord, to lay down their lives in the service of Him who died for them and who rose again. These have a special love for the Lord and also for each other. They are seeking to live, not after the flesh, but after the Spirit—in harmony with the begetting of the Holy Spirit which they have received.

Hence more and more they think of Christ, not as the Man Jesus, but as the glorified Lord. So also they are learning to think of each other, not according to the flesh, but according to the heart; "for if any man be in Christ, he is a New Creature." To such, earthly hopes, aims and prospects have gone; they have new hopes, new ambitions, new relationships. If faithful, they will receive those glorious things which God has in reservation for those who love Him; if faithful they will receive the crown of life which fadeeth not away, now reserved in heaven for them.

These things are of God. The Father Himself organized the whole arrangement. He has already reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ. We are fully given over to Him; we have no rebellion in our hearts; and God has nothing against us. "There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." Their sins are forgiven.

The Service of Reconciliation.

The New Creatures, begotten of the Holy Spirit, are not only to have a work in the future as kings and priests, joint-heirs with Christ in the blessing of the world, but have a work for God at the present time. They are to be ambassadors for God. His representatives amongst men. They are to seek to tell the Message of God's Love to those who do not understand it, to tell the way of return to God to those who give evidence of a desire for reconciliation. Thus they are ministers, servants, of the way of reconciliation even in the present time.

In verse 50 the word you is in italics, indicating that it is not in the original. It should be omitted. God is not beseeching the Church to become reconciled; all who are of the Church are already reconciled. The Apostle is telling that God through us is beseeching, or urging, mankind to be reconciled to Him, that He is willing to be reconciled to them, and explaining the basis of this reconciliation—that Christ took the sinner's place in death.

Beginning at a point which is the intersection of the north line of Lot No. 40 of the Subdivision as recorded in Miscellaneous Records, Book 5, Page 200, Records of Los Angeles County, with the southerly line of Lot No. 41 of the above named Watt Subdivision, and the westerly line of Lot No. 42 of the above named Subdivision, thence westerly to the southerly corner of Block A of Heide-Boynton Tract, as recorded on Map of Book 12, Page 80, of Records of Los Angeles County, thence westerly and northwesterly along the southerly line of Block B of the above named Heide-Boynton Tract to the southwesterly corner thereof, thence

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION

No. 191

A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropic, Declaring Its Intention to Improve Portions of Cypress Street and Boynton Street, in Said City, and Determining That Bonds Shall Be Issued to Represent the Cost Thereof, and Declaring the Work or Improvement to Be of More Than Local or Ordinary Public Benefit, and That the Expense of Said Work Shall Be Assessed Upon a District.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropic to resolve as follows:

I.

That the public interest and convenience require, and it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropic, State of California, to order the following street work to be done in said City, to wit:

FIRST: That the roadway of Cypress Street from the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of Mountain Avenue, to the easterly termination of Cypress Street, and the roadway of Boynton Street from the northerly line of Cypress Street to a point seven hundred and five (705) feet northerly from said line, including all street and alley intersections, be graded and paved with three inch in thickness of broken stone and oil macadam, in accordance with Plan No. 57, Profile No. 57 and Cross-sections No. 57, and in further accordance with Special Specifications for improving portions of Cypress Street and Boynton Street, in the City of Tropic, which said specifications were duly adopted for said work by resolution No. 190 of the Board of Trustees of said City.

SECOND: That a cement curb be constructed along each side of the roadway of Cypress Street from the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of Mountain Avenue to the easterly termination of Cypress Street, and on each side of the roadway of Boynton Street from the northerly line of Cypress Street to a point seven hundred and five (705) feet northerly from said line, (excepting along such portions of said roadways upon which a cement curb has already been constructed, and now is, to the official line and grade and of a size and quality as described in the hereinafter named Special Specifications, and excepting along such portions of said roadways to be occupied by the hereinafter described bridges, which are to be placed at the point and in the position as shown on plans Nos. 57 and 58). All curbs shall be constructed in accordance with Plan No. 57, Cross Section No. 57 and Profile No. 57 and in further accordance with Special Specifications for the improvement of portions of Cypress Street and Boynton Street, in the City of Tropic, which said specifications were duly adopted for said work by resolution No. 190 of the Board of Trustees in the City of Tropic.

THIRD: That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along each side of the roadway of Cypress Street from the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of Mountain Avenue to the easterly termination of Cypress Street, and on both sides of Boynton Street from the northerly line of Cypress Street to a point seven hundred and five (705) feet northerly from said line, (excepting along those portions of the roadway upon which a cement sidewalk has already been constructed, and now is to the official line and grade, and excepting along such portions of the roadway to be occupied by the hereinafter described bridges which are to be placed at the point and in the position as shown on plans No. 57 and 58). All sidewalks shall be constructed in accordance with plan No. 57, Cross Section No. 57 and Profile No. 57, and in further accordance with Special Specifications for the improvement of portions of Cypress Street and Boynton Street, in the City of Tropic, which said specifications were duly adopted for said work by Resolution No. 190 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropic.

FOURTH: That wood and concrete bridges be constructed at the intersection of Cypress Street and the intersection of Cypress Street and the intersection of Boynton Street and the Sycamore Canyon Wash. Said bridges to be constructed between the points and on the lines and grades and with the appurtenances designated therefor on Plans No. 57 and 58, Profile No. 57, and in further accordance with Special Specifications for the improvement of portions of Cypress Street and Boynton Street, in the City of Tropic, which said specifications were duly adopted for said work by Resolution No. 190 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropic.

II.

That the said contemplated work or improvement, in the opinion of the said Board of Trustees, is of more than local or ordinary public benefit, and said Board of Trustees hereby declares that the district in the said City of Tropic benefited by said work or improvement, and to be assessed to pay the costs and expenses thereof, is described as follows:

All that portion of the City of Tropic, included within the following described exterior boundary line, to-wit:

Beginning at a point which is the intersection of the north line of Lot No. 40 of the Subdivision as recorded in Miscellaneous Records, Book 5, Page 200, Records of Los Angeles County, with the southerly line of Lot No. 41 of the above named Watt Subdivision, and the westerly line of Lot No. 42 of the above named Subdivision, thence westerly to the southerly corner of Block A of Heide-Boynton Tract, as recorded on Map of Book 12, Page 80, of Records of Los Angeles County, thence westerly and northwesterly along the southerly line of Block B of the above named Heide-Boynton Tract to the southwesterly corner thereof, thence

northwesterly along the southerly line of Tract No. 73, as recorded on Map in Books 13, Page 130 of Records of Los Angeles County, to the southwest corner thereof, which is also a point on the easterly line of Glendale Avenue, thence northerly along the easterly line of Glendale Avenue to the northwest corner of Tract No. 282, as recorded on Map in Book 14, Pages 116 and 119, of Records of Los Angeles County, thence easterly along the northerly line of said Tract No. 282 to the northeast corner thereof, thence northerly along the westerly line of Heide-Boynton Tract, as recorded on Map in Book 12, Page 80, of Records of Los Angeles County, to the northwest corner thereof, which is also a point on the southerly line of Moore Avenue, thence easterly along the southerly line of Moore Avenue to a point which is 236.28 feet easterly from the northeast corner of the aforesaid Heide-Boynton Tract, thence southerly in a straight line to the point of beginning, (excepting therefrom any portion of any public street or alley, which may be included within the above described assessment district, all as shown on Map No. 56, approved by the Board of Trustees of said City on the 8th day of December, 1914, and on file in the office of the City Engineer of said City, to which map reference is hereby made for a more complete and detailed description of said district. All references in said description are made to records of Los Angeles County, California).

III.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Tropic determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent assessments of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or over for the cost of said work or improvement said serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine (9) years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable, by coupon, on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid; and the interest shall be payable semi-annually, by coupon, on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 17, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof.

IV.

The City Engineer is directed to make a diagram of the property affected or benefited by the proposed work or improvement as described in the Resolution of Intention and to be assessed to pay the expenses thereof. Such diagram shall show each separate lot, piece or parcel of land, the area in square feet of each of said lots, pieces or parcels of land, and the relative location of the same to the work proposed to be done, all within the limits of the assessment district.

V.

All plans, cross sections and profiles referred to in this Resolution are on file in the office of the City Engineer of said City. (All Special Specifications referred to in this Resolution are on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City.) Said plans, profiles, cross sections and special specifications are hereby referred to for a more particular description of said work and made a part hereof.

VI.

The Tropic Interurban Sentinel, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the said City of Tropic, is hereby designated as the newspaper in which this Resolution of Intention, and notice of the passage thereof, shall be published in the manner and by the persons required by law.

VII.

The Superintendent of Streets of said City of Tropic is hereby directed to post notices of the passage of this Resolution in the manner and in the form required by law, and to cause a similar notice to be published by one insertion in said newspaper in the manner required by law.

VIII.

The City Clerk of said City of Tropic is hereby directed to post this Resolution of Intention conspicuously for two days on or near the chamber door of the Board of Trustees, and to cause the same to be published by two insertions in the manner required by law, in said newspaper, and also to mail to each property owner whose property is to be assessed to pay the costs and expenses of said improvement a postal card containing notice of the passage of this Resolution, and calling attention to the fact that said property is to be assessed for said improvement.

Adopted and approved this 15th day of December, 1914.

JAMES RICH,

President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropic.

(Seal)

Attest:

NELSON C. BURCH,
 City Clerk of the City of Tropic.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
 CITY OF TROPIC,

I, N. C. Burch, City Clerk of the City of Tropic, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropic, State of California, and signed by the President thereof, held on the 15th day of December, 1914, and that the same was passed by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes—Trustees Boyce, Conrad, Hen-

ry, Rich and Webster.

Noes—None.
 Absent—None.

N. C. BURCH,
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Indications That Only a Few Receptions Will Be Held This Winter—Cancellation of Four White House Affairs Also Dims Social Prospect, Which Is Very Gloomy.

Washington.—Washington hostesses, particularly those who move in official and diplomatic society, are dismayed at the prospect of the most thoroughly disorganized social season this capital has ever known.

Of course it is chiefly due to the war, though President Wilson's bereavement is also a contributing cause to the gloomy outlook.

The indications are that there will be very few, if any, of the usual large social functions. The official entertainments, dinners, balls and receptions which constitute the real framework of Washington society, will be conspicuous by their absence unless the warring nations speedily adjust their differences.

Curiously enough the war, which is already limiting the scope of Washington entertainments, is also responsible for the coming to the capital of more winter residents of wealth and social aspirations than ever before as a result of the American exodus from Europe.

It is a well established rule that diplomatic representatives of the nations which are at war do not recognize one another in meeting and carefully try to avoid such embarrass-



Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador.

ments. Not even the most ignorant hostess in Washington therefore will commit the error of inviting for example the British and the German ambassadors to the same party.

The German and Austrian ambassadors are necessarily excluded from the invitation list of any entertainment to which the British, French, Russian or Japanese ambassador or the Belgian minister has been invited.

It may be doubted, too, if the Italian ambassador or even perhaps the representatives of such neutral countries as Holland, Denmark or the Scandinavian countries, which have expressed fear of one or the other of the great powers violating their neutrality, would feel exactly comfortable in finding himself seated opposite the diplomatic representatives of those powers.

The only safe course for the hostess, then, if she wishes to have diplomats at her table, is to limit the invitations to the Latin Americans, who are more prominent by their numbers than by their appearance in official society.

The embassies of the belligerent nations will also be dark this winter so far as the usual list of entertainments is concerned. The dinners and receptions in the diplomatic set have for years been among the most notable and exclusive social events of Washington, to which invitations are sought with the greatest avidity.

More than one representative of a belligerent nation has already expressed the feeling that to engage in entertainments at a time when his people at home are in the depths of sorrow would be most incompatible. A cousin of Lady Spring-Rice, wife of the British ambassador, has already been lost.

The cancellation of the four usual White House receptions has made the social prospect, already had enough, quite as gloomy as could be imagined. It is probable that even had Mrs. Wilson lived the president would have decided not to hold the receptions. Most certainly he could not have expected the diplomats to attend, whereas he would have embarrassed them if he had sent them invitations they could not accept.

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